

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 19, through page 17, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A conveying unit for internally conveying toner T to be accommodated may be provided inside the waste toner container 216. A screw conveyor 67 as a conveying unit for conveying waste toner T recovered in the container is provided inside the waste toner container 316 as shown in Fig. 9. The screw conveyor 67 is continuously extended along and below positions facing the introduction holes 62, 63, 64, and 65. Both ends of the screw conveyor 67 are rotatably supported by the waste toner container 316, and an end part 67a positioned on the lower side of the container 316 is projected toward the outside of the container 316. The projected end part 67a is fixed with a spur gear 68 to which drive force is transmitted so that the spur gear 68 and the screw conveyor 67 are integrally rotatable. The screw conveyor 67 is disposed in such a manner that if the member 67 is rotated in either right or left direction, the waste toner T inside the container can be conveyed in a direction away from the introduction holes. As shown in Fig. 9, the screw conveyor 67 is extended from the lower side of the inclined top face 316A toward the highest top face 316B so that the toner is conveyed from the lower side to the higher side of the waste toner container 316 as shown by arrow 60. When the drive force is transmitted to the screw conveyor 67 to rotate, the waste toner T is conveyed from the lower side toward the higher side of the container 316.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 21, line 24, through page 22, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 13 illustrates the structure of the waste toner container when a conveyor in which a transfer amount of waste toner is different depending on parts of the conveyor. The waste toner container 316 has a screw part as the conveyor provided therein. The screw part is formed in such a manner that a transfer amount of waste toner is indirectly proportional to a change in internal height of the container 316, that is, a change in capacity. As shown in Fig. 13, the waste toner container 316 has a relation of  $H1 > H2$  where  $H1$  is an internal height of the container on the side of the introduction hole 62 and  $H2$  is the internal height on the side of the introduction hole 65 near the projected end part 367a attached to spur gear 68. Therefore, on the side of the introduction hole 65, the waste toner reaches the limit to the amount of toner deposition quicker than that on the hole 62 side. In other words, the top of the heaped waste toner on the hole 65 side touches the internal face of the top face 316A quicker than the top of the heaped waste toner on the hole 62 side touches it.

Please replace the paragraph at page 23, lines 3-22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 14 illustrates a waste toner container when an introduction hole is provided on the highest top position of the container. The top of container 416 includes highest top face 416B and slanted top face 416A. A waste toner container 416 as shown in Fig. 14 uses the opening 66 provided on a highest top face 416B as an introduction hole. Like the container 416, if there is one introduction hole 66 that introduces the waste toner T into the container 416, the end parts of the conveying pipes 61Y, 61C, 61M, and 61K are integrated into one as a conveying pipe 61P, and the pipe 61P may be connected to the introduction hole 66. Further, as shown in Fig. 14, by providing the introduction hole 66 on the highest top face

416B of the container 416, the waste toner is recovered from the highest part of the container 416. Therefore, even if the toner amount is detected by the sensor 21 through the introduction hole 66, it is possible to obtain substantially the same result as the toner amount recovered in the container. Even in this case, however, the recovered waste toner is deposited highest at the lower part right below the introduction hole 66 in the container. Therefore, considering the efficiency of filling the container with toner, it is preferable to rotate the screw conveyor 67 in the direction opposite to the case of Fig. 9 and convey the waste toner toward the side of the end part 67a, that is, in the direction away from the introduction hole 66.